

In any event, Corcoran and his colleagues decided that the Delaware North information should be provided to government officials. Corcoran's handwritten notes from a June 1 telephone conversation with MIGA lobbyist Ducheneaux and an unnamed third person read as follows:

However now a new element i.e. Delaware North-mafia connection – should not Interior Sec given his trust responsibility for all Indian tribes recognize that that [sic] this Mafia connection whether true or not means that this project should not be forced over the protests of the Tribes into existence, he has a responsibility to protect all the tribes from allowing this kind of element from entering Indian gaming or it will be used however unfairly by the opponents of Indian gaming to hint + hurt Indian gaming for all tribes and for all time.<sup>202</sup>

The next day, June 2, Corcoran enlisted his partner O'Donnell, a long-time friend of Sen. McCain, to set up a meeting with McCain to inform him of the Delaware North allegations. O'Donnell set up the meeting, specifically requesting that none of McCain's staff be allowed to attend – a request with which McCain complied. The meeting, which took place on June 8 at 2:00 p.m., was attended by McCain, Corcoran, Ducheneaux and O'Donnell. Although accounts of the meeting vary, it is clear that the three lobbyists brought Delaware North's purported ownership of the track to McCain's attention, and provided him with a 1994 Wall Street Journal article raising questions about Delaware North's supposed ties to organized crime. McCain told

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<sup>202</sup>Similarly, in Kitto's June 5, 1995, memorandum to "Tribal Clients" – which also was sent to Corcoran – Kitto listed among the elements of his proposed Hudson opposition strategy the need to "[g]et a story in The Washington Post about Delaware North and their relationship with the tracks in Wisconsin."

Though Corcoran and another O'Connor & Hannan partner did bring the Delaware North issue to the attention of a Washington Post reporter, no such story ever appeared in The Post. See George Lardner, *Tribal Lobbyists Accused Of Defaming Track Owner; Suit Alleges False Depiction of Mafia Ties in Casino Dispute*, The Washington Post, Sept. 16, 1997 (confirming that no such article ever ran in the Post).